

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 8 and 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Newly amended) A ~~combination~~ device comprising a buttonhook and a zipper puller, said device comprising:

a grasping ring having an opening of sufficient dimension for a human digit to extend therethrough;

an elongated portion being joined to said grasping ring, said elongated portion being tapered toward the end opposite said grasping ring,

said elongated portion being formed of first and second strands;

said first strand extending part of the length of said elongated portion and having a terminus;

said second strand being longer in length than said first strand and extending the full length of said elongate portion to form an end portion and further extending from said end portion and having a terminus at a point near said terminus of said first strand;

said terminus of said second strand further comprising a seating channel forming an arcuate surface having a partial circumference of not more than approximately 190 degrees,

said terminus of said first strand having an outer diameter that is smaller than the inner diameter of said seating channel,

said terminus of said first strand being releasably held within said seating channel of said second strand against tension applied by said grasping ring such that, when said ~~when~~ ~~said~~ grasping ring is in a state of tension said first and second strands are releasably joined and said elongated portion forms a continuous loop;

and when said grasping ring is in a relaxed state said strands are not joined, ~~and~~ said elongated portion forms a discontinuous opening between the termini of said first and second strands,

such that said tapered end of said elongated portion forms a buttonhook that may be inserted through a buttonhole and hooked around a button whereby the button may be drawn through the buttonhole, and, said device forms a zipper puller when said first and second strands of said elongated portion are released to form a discontinuous opening, and one of said termini is inserted through a hole in a zipper handle whereby the zipper may be pulled open or closed when force is exerted upon said grasping ring.